

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 23, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,380,559 to Park et al. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,255,130 to Kim.

Claim 4 is cancelled. The rejections of claims 1-3 and 5-6 are respectfully traversed. Claims 1-3 and 5-6 are patentable over the cited references. For example, claim 1 recites "forming a transparent electrode pattern including a pixel electrode and a data pad protection electrode by use of a third masking process." The cited references do not disclose or suggest at least this feature recited in claim 1. For example, Park describes forming a passivation layer having a contact window by use of a third masking process (Park, col. 2, line 59 through col. 3, line 13), and forming a transparent electrode pattern by use of a fourth masking process. This is different from claim 1's requirement of "forming a transparent electrode pattern...by used of a third masking process."

Thus, Park does not anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Accordingly, claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence on claim 1.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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